

Placing **YOU** in Control of your Healthcare

What is the Mississippi Health Information Network?

MS-HIN, an agency of the state of Mississippi, is focused on fostering more comprehensive patient care and improving communication between providers and patients in Mississippi. We strive to make patients the center of care and offer resources to providers that increase care, reduce the need for unnecessary tests and increase communication among providers that care for all Mississippians. MS-HIN fosters the sharing of medical information including visit history, labs, medication history and test results. Our services are similar to the banking industry; your account information is available at each branch, not just the branch you where opened the account. This puts **YOU** in control, allowing you to make decisions that fit your life, schedule and needs.

Why MS-HIN is Important to **YOU**?



Increase communication among the many care providers you see. Like most patients, **YOU** have a Primary Care Physician, at least one specialist, and other types care providers. MS-HIN enables these physicians and health care provides to share/access information about your care securely, providing better comprehensive care and reducing your costs.



Reduce the need to pay for multiple lab tests by giving providers the ability to look up prior test results. Providers have access to your existing results helping them make better decisions faster without duplicating tests and costs. This saves the provider time and **YOU** money.



Reduce side effects by providing physicians access to your medication history. This helps physician's better manage your health even if **YOU** are taking medications prescribed by multiple physicians. You can be alerted of potential interactions and take steps that prevent them.



Help in Natural Disasters. For example, during Hurricane Katrina it became vital for providers outside a patient's normal care network to have access to their medical information. By allowing providers to share this information, MS-HIN lets **YOU** consult with a new physician without an interruption in care. You no longer have to worry about keeping up with your medical records, they follow **YOU** where you go.



Be prepared for Emergency Situations by making vital information available quickly. MS-HIN helps **YOU** communicate, even if you cannot. If **YOU** are in a serious accident and not able to speak, the emergency medical providers have access your medical records, to provide timely life saving services.



Your data is secure. At MS-HIN, we take security very seriously. Your data is encrypted and only accessible by authorized providers. There are Federal and State laws in place that protect your privacy. Strict national security standards protect your electronic health information. **YOU** can be assured your information is secure and private.

